

AMERICANS ON JOB

EXPECTATIONS SURPASSED

GOVERNMENTS APPEAL HEARD BY FARMERS FOR SEED CORN.

Unless one keeps in almost daily touch with the progress of the seed corn campaign being made in this county and Western Kentucky he will soon be lost in the dust of the trail, it moves so fast. The skeptic who attempted to sprag the wheel of organization in its beginning by doubting the honesty and integrity of everybody on the face of the earth and preaching the impracticability of the plan of District Agent Wyatt and the Christian County Board of Agriculture, is soon to have all his skepticism and doubt and preaching knocked into a cocked hat. Why? Because the plan of advertising, testing and marketing seed corn for the farmers has worked and is working to the satisfaction of both those who have corn to sell and who have to purchase their seed. A few figures will tell the story.

Already 14,000 bushels have been sold through the Board of Agriculture. This has been shipped from the ten counties composing this agricultural district and a small percentage from the Paducah district. This has brought to the farmers \$70,000.00. A Kentuckian reporter was informed yesterday that District Agent Wyatt has about 50,000 bushels in all located and that orders are in sight to consume the entire available supply.

Both big and little orders continue to come in every mail faster than the corn can be tested and prepared for shipment. The skeptic said the northern states would not buy our corn. One order from Wisconsin calls for all the 90-day yellow corn we can furnish, and fixes no limit. Several other northern states have already received shipments of seed corn from us.

Special Agent J. W. Keeling, by reason of a host of private personal affairs claiming his attention, has been compelled to resign but the work is still being carried on by Messrs. Bouldin under the direction of District Agent Wyatt, the Christian County Board of Agriculture and others.

Christian county and Hopkinsville have been very extensively advertised in this campaign and the quick and loyal response of the farmers is largely responsible for the success of this campaign. Those who have seed corn to prepare should do so at once as the planting season will soon be nearing the end. If a small corn crop is grown this year Uncle Sam will be fully repaid for the efforts expended.

A SERGEANT RUNS AMUCK

AND KILLS TWO SOLDIERS AND WOUNDS 4, THEN KILLS HIMSELF.

(By International News Service.)

New London, Conn., April 10.—Sergeant Boyle, aged 40, of Allentown, Pa., entered the office of Col. Dorsey, at Fort Wright this afternoon and shot and killed Sergeant Cook and Private Gusebok. He then fired from a window into a crowd of soldiers wounding Lieutenant Beech and Sergeant Hoyant and two Privates and then killed himself with the last shot in the revolver. He is believed to have been insane.

SHANER-GRESHAM.

Miss Myrtle Gresham and Mr. T. G. Shaner, were married at Birmingham, Ala., Tuesday night. The bride is a granddaughter of Mrs. J. W. Gresham, of this city, who has lived in Birmingham for the last three years.

PERSHING'S MEN ARE SOMEWHERE IN THE REGION OF AMIENS WAITING THEIR TURN TO TAKE PART IN A GREAT COUNTER STROKE BY GEN. FOCH.

ROUND-UP ALIEN ENEMIES.

By International News Service. Milwaukee, Wis., April 10.—A round-up of enemy aliens at Milwaukee is under way. Approximately 250 had been arrested up to a late hour to-night. More than one hundred others are sought by United States Marshal and Government Agents.

WASHINGTON PANICKY OVER BLUE OUTLOOK

SENATE COMMITTEE AFTER AIR-CRAFT DEPARTMENT WITH A SHARP STICK.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 10.—Premier Lloyd-George's speech and the Committee of Congress that is investigating the American aircraft program, and of course the public eye, are all turned to the situation on the front is extremely serious with the entire outcome of the war, perhaps, hanging in the balance. Second—America, in one respect at least has fallen down on promised aid, has fallen far short in her promises for the production of airplanes, so vitally necessary, says the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, in a strongly condemnatory report on the progress of the aircraft program to date.

HALF BILLION ALREADY TAKEN

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 10.—Beginning tomorrow and continuing until the loan is completed the Treasury Department will officially announce the figures on the progress of the loan. Unofficial estimates tonight show that the subscription is approaching \$500,000,000.

SOLDIER SAYS HE LED MOB

(By International News Service.)

Collinsville, Ill., April 10.—Joseph Riegel, aged 28, a Collinsville coal dealer and formerly in United States Army from which he was honorably discharged in 1914, testified at the coroner's inquest tonight that he led the mob which lynched Robert Praeger, a German enemy alien, Friday morning. He gave all details. Said he tied Praeger's hands and knows who pulled the rope and will tell the coroner.

FRANKS SPEAKS.

Hon. E. T. Franks spoke to a large and enthusiastic body of people last night at the Tabernacle in the interest of the Liberty Loan Campaign. His speech was powerfully in force of argument and appeal to the people to patriotically support the U. S. Government, our officers, and our armies at home and at the front by buying Liberty Bonds. His speech aroused much enthusiasm.

ARMENTIERES IS IN DANGER BEING FLANKED

New and Terrific Double Drive by the Huns Near Belgian Border.

BATTLE STILL RAGING

Trying to Recover Ground Lost in the Second Battle of Ypres.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, APR. 10.—A TENSE PERIOD OF THE WAR FOR THE UNITED STATES HAS BEGUN. THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN FORCE HAVE BEEN THROWN INTO THE GREAT BATTLE ON THE WESTERN FRONT. IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED TONIGHT, WHERE THEY WILL FIGHT, OR UNDER WHOM, SAVE THE GENERAL LEADERSHIP OF GEN. FOCH, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF ALL THE FORCES OPPOSED TO GERMANY, WAS NOT REVEALED UNDER THE CENSORSHIP. REINFORCEMENTS ARE BEING RUSHED TO FRANCE VERY RAPIDLY.

London, April 10.—Armentieres, about a mile below the Belgian frontier, is outflanked by the new terrific German double drive to the North and South. Its abandonment by the British was indirectly foreshadowed late today by Major General Maurice, of the British war office. Neuve Chapelle is in German hands. Arras has been evacuated by the civil population.

The American troops are somewhere in the Amiens region waiting their turn when Gen. Foch gives the word for the great counter stroke.

General Haig, in his night report, admits that the British forced back to Wycheate, Messines Ridge, and Ploegsteert. The battle still rages along the front of eleven miles.

The New Advance.

London, April 10.—The Germans started a new offensive late last night along a front of eleven miles between Givenchy, La Bassée and a point east of Fleubais, just below Armentieres. A Portuguese sector is included in the line involved.

East of Le Plantin and east of Pettillon the enemy appeared to have gained a footing in advanced defenses, and a fierce battle was raging all along the sector. Le Plantin is northwest of Givenchy and Pettillon lies to the east of Laventie.

At Givenchy and on the left of the front attached the allies apparently are holding their ground in the very heavy fighting which was reported to be especially bitter east of Festubert. The Portuguese were being supported by British troops.

The attack was preceded by a violent bombardment which began in the early morning and extended along the front affected. Bethune, Estaires and other towns behind the British lines have been heavily shelled.

At some points the enemy was able to penetrate advanced elements of the British lines, especially in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle, Faquissart and the Cardonerie farm. Meanwhile all along the greater part of the old line south of Arras extremely violent artillery duels were in progress, but the infantry of both sides kept to their trenches, except for isolated attacks of no great importance.

Near the Coucy forest and Coucy Le Chateau, the French have made a slight retirement to positions previ-

SEN. STONE MAY RECOVER.

By International News Service. Washington, D. C. April 10.—Senator Stone, of Missouri, who suffered a paralytic stroke this morning, regained consciousness this afternoon. His doctors hope for his recovery.

20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR TRAITORS

OPPOSITION TO THE SEDITION BILL SUDDENLY COLLAPSED AND IT PASSED AS AMENDED.

Washington, April 10.—Ten minutes before the time set for limiting debate opposition to the new clauses to the "Sedition bill" suddenly collapsed this afternoon, and the Senate passed the bill without a roll call. The bill was sent, much changed from the original form, back to the House which has already passed it. Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, succeeded in having acts intended to cause "resistance to duly constituted Federal or State authorities," altered to read, "resistance to United States or to promote the cause of enemies." The bill was changed throughout to provide that the intent on the part of the violator must be shown. It provides a punishment of 20 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

12000 MEN IN SPECIAL CALL

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 10.—Concurrent with the April quota of 150,000 men, Local Draft Boards throughout the country will be called upon to supply 12,000 additional men qualified in special trades and organizations. This levy will be made in a special call by the Provost Marshal General's office tomorrow.

ously prepared, the maneuver apparently being in the nature of line straightening. The war was the operation covered by the French guns that the Germans suffered extremely heavy casualties in endeavoring to make it null.

Details of the part played by American railway engineers in the opening stages of the battle south of Arras, show that dropping their tools and taking up arms, they fought side by side with Canadian engineers and inflicted casualties by the thousands on the Germans as they advanced in close formation.

There is still no indication of the near approach of the expected big battle on the Italian front, although the artillery engagements at various points are increasing in intensity. Well directed shots from the Italian guns in the Asiago basin have worked havoc with Austrian ammunition depots and also started fires inside the enemy lines.

WELSH GETS LIGHT SENTENCE.

(By International News Service.)

New York, April 10.—Thomas Welsh, an Irish seaman arrested in December for carrying secret letters relating to another proposed Sinn Fein uprising in Ireland was today sentenced by Judge Hand in Federal Court to a year and a day in the Atlanta Federal penitentiary.

LIBERTY BOND SPEAKINGS

BEGIN TONIGHT THROUGHOUT COUNTY—FOUR DATES ARRANGED.

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock the heavy artillery will open a barrage on the Huns by speaking in behalf of Liberty Bonds in two sections of Christian county. Hopkinsville people have had the matter well explained to them time and again by many able speakers. Now, some of our best and most enthusiastic spokesmen are going to the rural sections with the same messages for those who were not fortunate enough to hear all that their city brothers and sisters have heard.

The speakings arranged for to date are as follows:

THURSDAY.

Howell 7:30 p. m.—James West,

Jas. A. McKenzie and S. T. Fruit.

Honey Grove 7:30 p. m.—C. R.

Clark, W. O. Soyars, L. K. Wood.

FRIDAY.

Fruit Hill 7:30 p. m.—W. T. Fowler,

C. R. Clark, L. K. Wood.

Kelly, 7:30 p. m.—Ira D. Smith,

W. H. Southall, Frank W. Cunningham.

Other speaking dates will be announced later, as it is the plan of the Speaking Committee to carry Uncle Sam's message to every nook and corner of the county.

MANY CITY R.R. OFFICES CLOSED

WHEN BUSINESS CAN BE HANDLED AT STATION, DO IT THERE, McADOO ORDERS.

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Washington, April 9.—Orders have gone to the railroads from Director General McAdoo to curtail expenditures by discontinuing many city freight and passenger offices or consolidating ticket offices, abandoning passenger travel solicitation, and "off line" traffic offices and by reducing expenses as far as possible.

To the three regional directors, Mr. McAdoo amplified his former instructions relating to freight and passenger offices as follows:

"Discontinue the separate city freight and passenger offices where passengers may be adequately served at the depot. This applies particularly to the smaller cities.

"Cancel all arrangements with tourist or other similar agencies for solicitations of passenger traffic or sale of tickets.

"Discontinue all traffic offices off the actual line of the railroad.

"Employees released as the result of the above are to be assigned to other duties to the extent possible. Some new employees in off line offices will be needed by local lines to strengthen traffic forces and properly care for the additional work which will result from the above changes."

It was explained that some lines which reached no further east than Chicago, for instance, maintain passenger solicitation offices in New York. These are called "off line" offices.

TIRED OF SIMPLE LIFE. GIRLS CAMOUFLAGE AS BOYS—WORK ON FARM.

(By International News Service.)

Pana, Ill., April 10.—It's all off, this simple life for Miss Ada Spidel, aged sixteen, and Miss Lela Corley, aged fifteen, students of the Pana Township High School. Their pupas and mamma's object.

With a pair of shears, overalls and a wide-brimmed straw hat they camouflaged themselves into youthful tillers of the soil. After persistent efforts they were given employment by a farmer, who never suspected their real identity. But they got homesick and are coming back.